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THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 15, 1894. 1516

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID UP \$280,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$280,000
RESERVE FUND \$276,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5 %
" " 6 " 4 2
" " 3 " 8 %
A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 825

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,125,000.
PAID-UP \$652,500.

Bankers,
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily Balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 5 %
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For 3 Months 3 %

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 18, 1894. 228

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £600,000.

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Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %.
Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND \$4,200,000.
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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 3 months 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 12 " 6 "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1894. 332

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1894-95.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, will be Received by the NAVAL STOREKEEPER, until 10 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant, for the SUPPLY OF TEA for the Use of H. M. NAVY, for One Year ending 31st August, 1895.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further Particulars can be obtained at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

Hongkong Victualling Yard,
6th August, 1894. 1279

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of August, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 30th June, 1894.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1894. 1262

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18th to the 18th day of August (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1894. 1263

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 20th August, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1894.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 31, 1894. 1253

THE HONGKONG TRADING CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHEAP LINE IN LACE CURTAINS, 4-yards Long, at \$2.50 per pair.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.

No. 1, 3 & 5, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, July 28, 1894. 1242

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, 1,400 FEET ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL. TELEPHONE No. 36. A. B. C. Code.

THIS MAGNIFICENT HOTEL is situated at the most beautiful and healthful part of the Hill District. The air is delightfully cool and bracing; the temperature being at least 10 degrees lower than in the valley beneath. Luxuriously furnished and appointed.

THE CUISINE under the personal superintendence of an experienced EUROPEAN SERVANT.

LAWN TENNIS:—Three Courts in splendid condition are kept for the use of VISITORS.

TRAMWAY TICKETS are supplied to Residents and Visitors at the HOTEL of reduced rates.

For further Particulars, apply at the Office 33 and 40, Queen's Road Central, or to THE MANAGER, MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, July 30, 1894. 1211

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR STEAMSHIP. DATE. REMARKS.

LONDON via MARMESSELS . . . Daylight, 10th August. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI Cathay . . . About 12th August. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI Aden . . . About 15th August. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. Rosetta . . . Noon, 18th August. See Special Advertisement.

JAPAN Verona . . . Noon, 17th August. Freight or Passage.

LONDON Java . . . About 22nd August. Freight or Passage (calling at MARMESSELS, if sufficient inducement offers).

LONDON Aden . . . About 4th Sept. Freight or Passage (calling at MARMESSELS, if sufficient inducement offers).

For further Particulars, apply to P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1239

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW FURNISHING GOODS.

ART MUSLINS.

CANVAS MUSLIN.

FANCY SATTEEN PILLOWS.

FANCY SATIN PILLOWS.

TAPESTRY AND CHINELLE TABLE COVERS.

CARPETS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 2, 1894. 1287

W. POWELL & CO.

SPECIALITIES IN ORGANZA DRESS MUSLINS.

CREPONS, COTTON CORDUROYS, LINEN AND COLOURED DRILLS,
etc., etc., etc.

NEW TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED SUMMER MILLINERY.

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W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, July 23, 1894. 1240

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Hongkong, July 28, 1894. 1242

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THE MOST COMMODIOUS and BEST-APPOINTED HOTEL in the Far East; situated in the center of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, and adjacent to the Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony).

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

The TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy.

The BED-ROOMS, with adjoining BATH-ROOMS, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandas, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication.

The READING, WRITING, and SMOKING ROOMS, Ladies' DRAWING ROOMS, the BAR and PUBBLIC BILLIARD ROOMS (six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

WINES and SPIRITS of the Best BRANDS only.

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.
PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.
Port (via Nagasaki) ... SATURDAY, AUG. 11,
Kobe, Inland Sea ... at 1 p.m.
(via Nagasaki) ... WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29,
Kobe, Inland Sea ... at 1 p.m.
City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, WEDNESDAY, Sept. 19,
Inland Sea, Yoko-
hama & Honolulu) ... at 1 p.m.

The U. S. Mail Steamship *PERU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, NAGASAKI, KOBE INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, 14th August, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route, to Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, ORIENTAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY or payment of \$10.00 Gold in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and China, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Island Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. All Parcels Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcels Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, or Final CALL of 50 CENTS per SHARE, on the Shares issued at ONE DOLLAR has now been made.

NOTICE is also given that the CALL of 50 CENTS per SHARE on the Shares issued in EXCHANGE for SHARES in the Old Company has now been made. Both these CALLS Fall DUE on the 10th SEPTEMBER, and should be Paid to the Undersigned, at No. 9, Praya Central, to whom the Scrip should be sent for endorsement.

By Order of the Board,

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
HONGKONG.
THE BLACK PLAGUE.
THE HONGKONG MINSTREL TRouPE
will give
TWO FIRST-CLASS ENTERTAINMENTS,
on
SATURDAY, 11th August,
WEDNESDAY, 15th August, 1894.

For the benefit of those Soldiers and Police who have been, and those who are still engaged upon work in connection with the Plague.

These Performances are given under the distinguished Patronage and Support of His Excellency the GOVERNOR Sir William ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

His Excellency Major-General G. DICKIE BARKER, U.B.
Commander G. T. H. BOYES, R.N.
Colonel G. E. MACDONELL, R.A., Commanding Royal Artillery in China.
Colonel W. H. MUNRO, R.E., Commanding Royal Engineers in China.
Lieut.-Colonel F. W. ROXBURGH, Commanding the Shropshire Light Infantry.
Lieut.-Colonel E. G. BARROW, Commanding the Hongkong Regiment.

NOVEL and GREAT ATTRACTIONS.
UPWARDS of 60 PERFORMERS in THE MINSTREL CIRCLE.

GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT, introducing NOVELTIES never before seen in Hongkong, under the entire supervision and sole direction of Mr. W. FARMER.

Full Particulars in Programmes which will be issued on or about Monday, August 6th.

By the kind permission of COLONEL ROBINSON and OFFICERS, the BAND of the Shropshire Light Infantry will play at each performance.

Popular Prices, 88 and 81.
Sailors and Sailors in uniform half price to back seats only.

Doors open at 8.30; Commencing at 9 o'clock precisely.

Plan and Tickets at Messrs KELLY and WATSON, Lintas.

Seats may be booked on and after Monday, August 6th.

A SPECIAL TRAM will run to the Park, and a SPECIAL LUNCH to Kowloon, 15 minutes after each Performance.

WILLIAM BLAYNAV,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Aug. 1, 1894. 1250

To-day's Advertisements.

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth, or Final CALL of 50 CENTS per SHARE, on the Shares issued at ONE DOLLAR has now been made.

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By Order of the Board,

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1302

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Firm of LEE KING & CO., 18, Praya Central, has been CLOSED from the 1st instant.

The Undersigned will conduct the Business of SIR, GENERAL BROKER and COMMISSION AGENT at the above Address, and is empowered to Wind-up the Affairs of above Firm.

JOHN ANDREW.

Hongkong, August 8, 1894. 1294

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Oceania (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ... TUESDAY, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m.
Greece (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ... WEDNESDAY, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.
Beira (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ... WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m.

THE Steamship *OCEANIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 21st August, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, reembarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full and same will be received at the Company's Office until 2 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 1, 1894. 1212

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 1, 1894. 1212

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Loading.
Japan.	Verona (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 17, at noon.
London, v. Marsilles.	Fornax (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 10, daylight.
London & Ports of Call.	Ladaria (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 14.
London & Hamburg.	Plutore (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 16, at noon.
London.	Java (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About August 22.
Manila.	Yuenlong (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Sept. 4.
Manila.	Sungking (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Aug. 10, at 5 p.m.
Manila, v. Saigon.	Oxus (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Aug. 12, at noon.
New York, v. Sue Canal.	Perpetua (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Aug. 14.
New York.	Paravita.	Siemssen & Co.	Quick despatch.
Port Darwin, &c.	Tainan (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Peru (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Aug. 21, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco.	Oceanic (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 14.
Shanghai.	Lymoon (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 15, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Adae (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 16, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Chayang (s).	Douglas & Co.	Aug. 10, at noon.
S'pore, Havre & T'pur.	Hawong (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Aug. 16, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & T'ui.	Hawong (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Aug. 16, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.) & Victoria (s).	Empress of China (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 23, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.) & Victoria (s).	Empress of China (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 13, at 4 p.m.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Board and Lodging, from \$60 to \$70 per month.

R. TUCKER, Manager.

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SHIPPING.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREE-MASON HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITORS BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1304

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship *Hertha*, Capt. TH. HILDEBRANDT, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 13th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and a SPECIAL LUNCH to Kowloon, 15 minutes after each Performance.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1305

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Purissima*, Captain G. HETZERMANN, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 14th Inst., at 9 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1306

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Purissima*, Captain G. HETZERMANN, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 14th Inst., at 9 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1264

The Courier of August 1 says that sedition placards have been posted about in the South of Ansan, containing inter alia the words: "The French of this province will soon be cast into the sea and all their property handed over to the king of Annam." Secret Societies are said to flourish in the land.

On the 30th ult., we wrote, "It is apparent a change in the Post Office management does not mean an improvement in the local postal service." We then gave several instances which seemed to bear out our opening statement. It is due to Mr Scobie Smith, who has taken over the acting appointment of Postmaster General, to explain that it is no fault of his if no improvement is effected in the local postal service. With highly commendable energy he has prosecuted a most searching enquiry into the whole of the matters mentioned by us, and has found that the supposed laches could all be satisfactorily explained. The discovery is made that a letter which took five (or six) days to reach its addressee at East Point was left in the office of the East Point Sugar Refinery and was not sent by the addressee, which is not at all surprising when it is remembered that the addressee was ignorant of the existence of the letter. The letter which took the best part of three days to travel from the Post Office to Gains Road was delayed through no fault of the postal officials. Instead of being posted in the local letterbox, the letter was posted in the general box, a palpable mistake on the part of the party posting the letter. We are sure these explanations will be deemed satisfactory by all concerned. It is now apparent that Mr Scobie Smith, during his brief reign as the head of the Post Office, is determined to improve the efficiency of the office, and the general opinion is that there is ample scope for the display of his powers in this direction.

The London and China Express hears that it is extremely unlikely that the cricket team Mr. A. E. Stoddart is taking to Australia in the autumn will return to Singapore. This will be a disappointment to the Straits, where it was hoped a match would be arranged. In spite of the above, says the Free Press, it is to be remarked that Mr. Stoddart has yet to receive certain personal communications on the subject. It is to be hoped that the proposals will yet come off. The S.C.C. Committee might formally now take action.

There was an unusual amount of sickness at Chinkiang during the past month. The China Island Mission has lost two of its members by death. Miss Bertha Porter died on the 9th and Mr Talbot on the 16th ult. The latter leaves a widow and a young child only a few weeks old.

From the 1st of July the British Government got full advantage of the purchase of the Suez Canal shares; the dividend receipts commencing on that date amounted to a gain to the Treasury of £262,000 per annum. The shares which cost four millions are now worth nineteen million sterling.

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A private letter received yesterday from the North states, on excellent authority, that urgent orders have been sent to every governor, governor-general, and viceroy in every province of China to forward at once 20,000 troops each for service in Corea; the soldiers to be all sent in the first instance (pace the Japanese warships) to Tientsin, to be inspected by foreign military instructors as regards drill, discipline, and armament. Li Hung Chang has also ordered by telegraph a hundred thousand Mauser rifles and several million cartridges from Germany.

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Given at Government House, Hongkong this 9th day of August, 1894.

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Foreign Office, 7th Aug., 1894.

MY LORDS.

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